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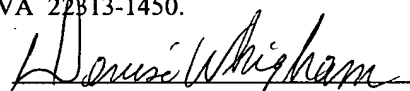
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants are responding to the Office Action mailed April 21, 2005 currently due Saturday May 21, 2005, which requests clarification of the species elected by Applicants in their March 17, 2005 Response to the Examiner's December 8, 2004 restriction requirement. In response to the above-referenced outstanding Office Action, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 14 of this paper.